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SUBJ: C-5'S FOR IRAN

FOR PM DIRECTOR VEST FROM AMBASSADOR WEISS

1. AS IMPROBABLE AS IT MAY SEEM, ABOVE SUBJECT ISSUE HAS JUST COME TO MY ATTENTION. YOU MAY ALREADY HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BUT IN THE EVENT YOU DO NOT, I THOUGHT IT WORTH REPORTING.

2. THE PRESIDENT OF LOCKHEED INTERNATIONAL, GEORGE C. PRILL, CALLED ON ME TODAY TO INFORM ME OF DISCUSSIONS WHICH LOCKHEED WAS CONDUCTING WITH GCOB REGARDING A SO-CALLED BAHAMAS DISTRIBUTION CENTER. IN THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION, THE SUBJECT TURNED TO THE C-5 AT WHICH POINT I ASKED PRILL IF MY INFORMATION WAS CORRECT THAT THE IRANIANS HAD EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN PURCHASING C-5'S.

3. PRILL LOOKED SHOCKED AND STATED THAT HE WAS AMAZED THAT THE WORD HAD GOTTEN OUT SINCE IT WAS A RATHER CLOSELY HELD MATTER. HE DID, HOWEVER, THEN GO ON TO SAY THAT THE EARLY FEELERS FROM THE IRANIANS WHICH WERE BASED ON AN ASSUMPTION THAT THE US WOULD BEAR THE COST OF REOPENING THE LINE, HAD ONLY JUST RECENTLY BEEN ALTERED TO FORM A SPECIFIC GOI REQUEST TO PURCHASE C-5'S WITH THE GOI BEARING TOTAL COST INVOLVED, INCLUDING OPENING OF THE LINE. I ASKED HOW MANY AIRCRAFT WERE INVOLVED. PRILL SAID IRANIANS WERE TALKING OF 8 TO 12 AIRCRAFT
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FOR GOI ALTHOUGH EXPRESSED INTEREST IN A POSSIBLE TOTAL OF 20,

THE REMAINDER TO EVENTUALLY GO TO SAUDI ARABIA. PRILL SAID SO FAR AS LOCKHEED WAS CONCERNED, THEY WERE READY TO GO SUBJECT TO SECURING AN EXPORT LICENSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

4. PRILL IS ENROUTE FROM BAHAMAS TO MOSCOW WHERE HE WILL ATTEMPT TO PEDDLE L-1011 WIDE-BODY JETS. IT'S A SMALL WORLD. WEISS

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